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## **STATE DIRECTOR RETURNS TO HOMETOWN FOR RIBBON CUTTING AND OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING**

Grandview, Idaho October 28, 2004 – State Director Michael A. Field, who decided some 30 years ago to pursue a career as a public servant, returned to his hometown today to celebrate the new Eastern Owyhee County Emergency Services Facility. Mr. Field, Mike to most of the citizens of Grand View, serves as the Director of the lead federal entity for rural development needs in Idaho. He was raised on a farm in Grand View, and following his graduation from Grand View High School he obtained a BA in political science which he put to good use serving Idahoans in both federal and state government responsibilities. Mike's mother Francis Field, State Representative from Grand View and serving Legislative District 23 was also at the ribbon cutting and made Mike stand up straight and speak clearly. Mike takes great pride in the ability of the federal, state and local organizations in Idaho to put together partnerships that work together to help rural communities across this great state.

The new Emergency Services building was made possible through a USDA, RD Community Facility Grant for \$20,000 as well as a CF Direct Loan. It will be home to Grand View Ambulance, Grand View Fire District/Rimrock Search and Rescue. These organizations consist of all volunteer individuals. They serve southwest Owyhee County and cover almost 7000 sq. miles.

There was an open house from 2:00 to 8:00 pm and the ribbon cutting was held at 2:30 p.m. Prior to the ribbon cutting Aletta Paulson and Pauline Keller of the El-Y-Hee Quilt Club presented Fire Chief Terry Carothers with a check. They have been donating quilts to the fire department for many years and wanted to add the additional cash donation at this time to celebrate this beautiful new facility.

Pictured are Bob Swenson, holding the scissors, and left to right George Bennett, Terry Carothers, Grand View Fire Chief, Frances Field, District 23 and Mike Field and Dave Flesher from USDA Rural Development.

